

Business of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER.—We have got two Bills to be gone through to-day I suppose, with that we adjourn. There is one thing which I want to mention. You will find in the Agenda—last item, that Sri V. S. Patil has given notice of amendments with regard to certain rules framed. They were given notice on the last occasion during the Budget Session also. I could not give time then. This time also it is coming so late that I really do not know what to do. I will suggest to the concerned member, Sri V. S. Patil to move them so that if they are not discussed they will not lapse. If it is to be prorogued, there might be some little technical difficulty.

Message from the Legislative Council.

Announcement

Mr. SPEAKER.—I report to the House that a message has been received from the Legislative Council that the following Bills passed by the Legislative Assembly during the current sitting of the Second Session 1965, transmitted to the Legislative Council, have been passed by the Legislative Council without any amendment :

1. The Mysore Warehouses (Amendment) Bill, 1965,
2. The Mysore Societies Registration (Amendment) Bill, 1965.

Members' Representation.

Sri S. SIVAPPA (Shravanabelagola).—The Prime Minister has suggested that in view of stepping up food production, free water may be supplied for one year for irrigation purposes and has asked the State Governments to adopt some liberalised measures. I think, our Government also must have received the communication. This being the last day of the Session, I request the Government to intimate what are the liberalised schemes the Government have before them, to see that ample opportunities are given to the ryots to step up food production in the State.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—In fact, all of us are distributing ourselves to various Districts and we are going to see what best can be done. Unfortunately, in a few smaller tanks there is no water. If there was water, it would have been a different matter. The most important reservoirs that could serve are the Tungabhadra and Bhadra projects. We are going to see what conveniences are there to grow paddy. In fact, we are seriously thinking about it.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Sira).—Sir, yesterday it seems the Congress Party took a decision regarding relaxation of prohibition. I

would like to know whether Government have already taken any decision or whether they have to take a decision. I want to know the reaction of Government because it is reported that during this time of emergency the Party is reported to have taken a decision to relax prohibition.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—The Government have taken no decision.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri Gopala Gowda.

Sri H. R. KESHAHA MURTHY (Gandasi).—Sir, the Assembly is coming to a close today and we cannot meet the Ministers afterwards. I am told that the scarcity conditions in my district are very acute. We want immediate help in Arsikere area.

Sri B. BYRAPPAJI (Turuvekere).—Even in Tumkur District also the scarcity is very acute.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I do not understand this. Why not the members go and meet the Chief Minister in his chambers? The Hon'ble member Sri Gopal Gowda may begin.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—It seems the Chief Minister is prepared to make a statement.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—It is not merely Tumkur or Hassan that is suffering. Like this, if I may say so, my district is the worst affected. It is a common thing in every district where there has been scarcity of rainfall. Even in Malnad people are suffering on account of scarcity of rainfall. Therefore, Government are very seriously thinking. They are getting reports from every District as to the exact situation. Some of the Deputy Commissioners have already sent their reports and recommendations. As I have already said, we are also going to the various districts and within about two weeks we are going to decide the nature of relief works that can be undertaken. The works that will be undertaken will be such as will yield permanent results in the matter of the present food shortage from which we suffer. Therefore, I have every sympathy with the statement made by some members. We will give them the necessary relief works which require money and we will provide the necessary amount to give them works. The only question is how to find foodgrains which can be properly distributed because I am not sure of import of wheat in large quantities. Therefore we will have to strain every nerve and see that we pool all the available foodgrains and distribute them properly. It may be that people will have to put up with some difficulty for some time. Government is very seriously thinking about it. We are going to take up immediately relief measures wherever there is necessity and there is necessity in very large numbers of areas.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Miss a meal a week also.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I am not sure how the poor people will take it. Anyhow, some of us are already missing a meal or two a week. Apart from that, this is a very serious question and we are earnestly thinking about it.